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The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library Wednesday, March 25th, 1936.

Those present were Mr. John White Morton, Mr. B.M. Grier, Mrs. J.M. Reade, Mrs. Lamar Rucker and Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr. Mr. M. G. Michael was absent due to an unexpected business trip to New York.

Mr. B. M. Grier was elected President, Mr. John White Morton, Treasurer, and Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr Secretary.

Mrs. Rucker was appointed chairman of a committee to look into the matter of securing the Iris Stamp of the Tallulah Falls Circle for a book stamp.

Discussion of plans for opening the Library on Tuesday, April 7th, was held and it was decided to have at least two women from different clubs stay for an hour at a time through out the day.

Mr. Grier suggested we make a particular effort to make this a fiction and reading library instead of a reference library, as the University and Schools have sufficient reference books.

The meeting was adjourned after inspection of the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Secretary

April 3, 1936

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library at 10:00 A. M. Thursday, May 21, 1936. Those present were Mesdames J. M. Reade and Wilkins and Messrs Morton and Grier. Mr. Michael was detained by a business visitor from New York. Mrs. Lamar Rucker has handed in her resignation due to too many other activities. Her successor will be appointed by City Council.

The Secretary was authorized to look into the purchase of chairs for the Children's Story Hour, as the ones being used at the present are borrowed from Emmanuel Episcopal Church Sunday School and returned each morning after they are used.

The Secretary reported donations amounting to approximately \$106.00, including \$50.00 from the Athens Woman's Club raised by their Library and Education Tag Day, May 7th.

The Secretary was authorized to order the Wilson Library Bulletin for three years and also the American Library Association Booklist.

The loan card requesting loan of one hundred books from the Georgia Library Commission was signed by the trustees present, and also the Agreement between the Bank and Library regarding occupancy of the premises was signed by Mr. E. M. Grier as president, and Mrs. Wilkins, secretary. The original was mailed to Mr. Ovid Bird at the National Bank.

The problem of student help was discussed, as National Youth Administration support ceases June 8th, and the WPA is slated to stop June 30th. However, we are assured government support will be forthcoming throughout the year for an assistant librarian. It was decided to save the \$50.00 from the Athens Woman's Club to defray possible salaries during the summer, as Mrs. McWhorter works only from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 PM

The Secretary reported 352 people registered, of whom 164 are children; that Mrs. Claude Chance is handling publicity and Mrs. E. E. Lamkin is keeping a scrapbook on the progress and publicity; that the Book Selection Committee is composed of Mrs. W. F. Bradshaw, fiction; Mrs. Cl J. Decker, fine arts; Miss Charlotte Newton, non-fiction; Mrs. Claude Chance, children's books; and also, that McGregor's Book Store is giving us splendid discount on supplies and books.

A report was made on the increase in the Children's Story Hour attendance from four to fifteen. This hour is conducted from nine to ten on Saturdays by Mrs. Joseph Magill and will be carried on by Mrs. Hubert Eylee when Mrs. Magill leaves.

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It was reported that subscriptions have been received from the Athens Banner Herald and the Daily Times and the Atlantan Georgia; Better Homes and Gardens and Popular Mechanix.

The P. T. A. is putting in a shelf on Child Welfare and Child Work.

WPA has given us two assistants for Mrs. McWhorter, Mr. Joe Gerson and Mr. Edwin Shelton and also Mr. Franklin Scheider one day a week from the University Library.

It was decided to apportion \$67.00 to the Book Selection Committee for purchase of books.

Upon motion of Mrs. Reade the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary

May 22, 1936

June 30, 1936

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday June 30, 1936.

The members present were Mesdames J.M. Reade and Wilkins, Messrs., M. G. Michael and J. W. Morton.

Six new members will be added to the Board of Trustees by action of the City Council and one vacancy left by resignation of Mrs. Lamar Rucker will be filled.

Mrs. J. W. Bailey, Mrs. H. B. Ritchie, Mrs. Bradshaw, Mrs. T. F. Green, Mr. T. S. Mell, new members whose appointment will be confirmed by City Council July 1st were present. Other members to be added to the present Board are Mr. J. K. Davis, Judge B. S. Fortson, Mr. Albert D. Sams and Mrs. Claude Chance and Dr. S. Graham.

Discussion of a registration fee of \$1.00 for summer school students and persons living outside Clarke County was held and action taken approving such procedure to be enforced at once.

Rabbi Block has asked permission to keep the Library open one night each week for business people. Motion was carried to adopt the idea, leaving a selection of the night to Rabbi Block.

A salary check is to be mailed to Miss Laura Smith for four dollars \$4.00 for services rendered in keeping the Library open the week following closing of the University when N.Y.A. financial help ceased.

The Secretary was authorized to write letters of appreciation to Miss Marion Matha for her charity work of one hour per day for one week the same week Miss Smith worked; and also to Rabbi Block for his offer and the Woman's Club for their gift of \$50.00; Athens Times for their subscription, A.A.U.W. for the books and bookshelves; National Bank for the use of the building; Banner Herald for subscription; and the P.T.A., for their shelf.

The Secretary reported a balance in the Bank of \$45.53, and that \$50.00 is due by City of Athens for the last two months.

Plans were presented whereby the Athens Woman's Club is raising another cash gift to the Library through the Library Day at Gallant Belks.

The Secretary told the Board about Miss Ruth Williams of 935 Madison Avenue who is working daily from two to six.

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Motion was made and seconded to raise Miss Williams salary from \$15.00 a month to \$20.00 a month. Motion passed.

It was reported that a janitor has been employed named George B. Chester who also works at the National Bank of Athens for one dollar per week.

Motion made and seconded that a committee chosen from the Board be sent to see the County Commissioners concerning financial support from the County, as residents of Clarke County have access to the Library.

Authorization was given the Secretary to look into the purchase of identification cards for use of all library patrons.

The Treasurer reported paying the following bills:

Georgia Power Co	-	\$2.00	(Apr & May)
McGregor Co	-	68.15	
Norris Hde Co	-	2.30	
Adams Transfer	-	1.00	
Hunting & Co (Books)		22.02	

leaving a balance of \$95.43.

The Secretary reported that Children's Story Hours are to be established as part of the Government Recreation program and not necessary to buy special children's chairs, but will be later for children's reading table. Perhaps these may be purchased from Miss Montine Ver Nooy.

Mr. David Michael has offered to submit a list of 25 business mens books.

The meeting adjourned after decided to hold the next monthly meetings on the third Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Watkins Jr.
Secretary

August 18, 1936

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met in the Library at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 18, 1936.

There were eight members present, viz: Mesdames Chance, Green, Bailey, Wilkins and Ritchie and Messrs., Mell, Grier and Sams.

The new members present were given statistics on the circulation and registration of the library and apprised of the work already done. There are 1019 now registered, and our circulation through July was 5260, averaging five books per person.

It was decided to let Mrs. McWhorter pay George E. Chester, the janitor, weekly from funds accumulated through fines.

Announcement was made that the gift of \$100.00 from the Athens Woman's Club will be spent by the book selection committee. This committee will meet this week.

The monthly bills were approved.

Mr. Albert Sams was elected the treasurer in place of Mr. John White Morton, and bills and check book, etc., given to him.

The President appointed Mrs. T. F. Green chairman of a committee to look into the heating problem of the Library.

The following committees were appointed by Mr. Grier.

Mrs. Chance, chairman	- Employees
Mrs. Ritchie	" - By-laws

Mrs. Green was asked to find out more about the books that could be given for the Ministerial Association, particularly for the rural ministers.

Mrs. Green announced that plans were being formulated for a Library Day to be held by each of the various Civic Clubs sometime in the Fall.

Resolutions were to be made upon the death of Mr. John White Morton and copies made and sent to Mrs. Morton and the newspapers by Mr. Mell.

Motion was made, seconded and carried that \$50.00 of the Woman's Club gift be spent on Children's and young people's books.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mrs. Chance.

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It was announced that Robbie Block will keep the Library open for two hours on Wednesday evenings.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John F. Wilkins Jr.

Secretary